

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph starting from page 5, line 22 ending to page 6, line 4 of the present specification:

According to the present invention, *Streptococcus sp.* KL0188 that is prepared by causing mutation in *Streptococcus zooepidemicus* is provided. The *Streptococcus sp.* KL0188 has been deposited with the Korean Collection for Type Culture (KCTC), on May 10, 2002, under ~~deposit~~ Accession No. KCTC 10248BP. The KCTC is located in Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology (KRIBB), 52 Oun-dong, Yusong-Ku, Taejon 305-333, Republic of Korea. The *Streptococcus sp.* KL0188 is a non-hemolytic strain, and it can produce hyaluronic acid with a high yield because it does not have hyaluronidase activity.